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Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Cheney, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

We are writing to let you know that, from Monday 19 April, all students in Years 7 to 11 will be taking part in weekly tutor time lessons which will focus on **the relationships topics** of the relationships and sex education (RSE) programme. There is a table below which gives a week by week list of the **relationships topics** which we plan to cover in each year group. The guidance from the Department of Education is that schools need to start teaching RSE in the summer term (starting Monday 19 April). We are aware that this falls within Ramadan (12 April - 12 May). This is why we have decided to teach the **relationships topics** in term 5 and leave sex education until term 6 when Ramadan will have finished.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website: <https://cheney.wpengine.com/pshe/> for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. Our ground rules for the RSE lessons are:

- We listen to the ONE person speaking.
- We speak respectfully to each other.
- We accept different opinions.
- We don't ask personal questions.

We have provided links to the PowerPoint slides to be used for term 5 (Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May) relationships lessons below. These are still being reviewed and may yet be changed. The final version of these slides will be published on the PSHE page of the school website (see above) before the Easter holidays and will remain there as parents might want to use the resources to discuss these topics at home.



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Y7 RSE

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1XIBG5oIMNm1UFpHjzM25JXBirAmiyOkxeO6nkfdysJo/edit?usp=sharing>

Y8 RSE

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HjHWkSduqurmGnwSMM4zk2v1jzlrZPPUwL6Bqhk6WzA/edit?usp=sharing>

Y9 RSE

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1s0Irt6tLmPMd6w0eWGzvjnfy7JT\\_okwgiYMrH6TtRzk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1s0Irt6tLmPMd6w0eWGzvjnfy7JT_okwgiYMrH6TtRzk/edit?usp=sharing)

Y10 RSE

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GgzAMLcCKWQeNcsSxn0liPnOSPvetqQ3iCiOGXJw8E/edit#slide=id.p>

Y11 RSE

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14U3ORK0o9yjqcOFga5xDgmzZ37iAgqQPQddZ8xMPcZ0/edit?usp=sharing>

We would like to know more about what parents/carers think about Relationships and Sex education at Cheney. Please can you complete a survey (link below) so we can gather your concerns, questions and feedback on our plans?

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelpvTM3qq5\\_xExmZuGAUz-6A88tobgVSZ\\_MHZITkgodELsAw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelpvTM3qq5_xExmZuGAUz-6A88tobgVSZ_MHZITkgodELsAw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

There is no parental/carer right to withdraw students from the **relationships lessons** which will be taught in term 5. Parents/carers do, however, have a legal right to withdraw their children from some of the PSHE sex education lessons which will start in term 6 (Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July). We will be in touch after Easter to give you more details of what these lessons will look like and your parental/carer right to withdraw.

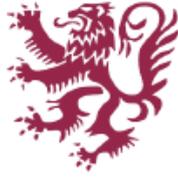
Yours sincerely,

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**Term 5 (Starting Monday 19 April) Relationships topics**

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Different types of relationships	Our values	Building a relationship	Long term commitments	Characteristics of a positive romantic relationship
What makes relationships good/ bad?	Values in a relationship	Recognising and responding to risks online	Forced and arranged marriages	Features of a relationship
Behaviours in a relationship	Romantic relationships	Sharing inappropriate images	Why marry?	Identifying unhealthy relationships
Relationships with family	Gender expectations	Sexting and the law	Stereotypes in relationships	How much information is too much?
Role of parents	Challenging stereotypes	Cyber bullying	Recognising consent	Abusive relationships
Different family set-ups	Heteronormativity	Recognising and responding to bullying	The role of friends	Who is responsible for abuse?